

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Harold Burdette for
his lifelong commitment to cancer research and treatment.

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Whereas, From 1935 to 1942, Dr. Harold Burdette attended Indiana University - Bloomington, and received degrees in chemistry and medicine. Applying his new knowledge, Dr. Burdette began his medical career as an intern at Methodist Hospital, and would go on to become the hospital's first Medical Director of Education. In 1948, he began a collaboration with other physicians to start the Memorial Clinic of Indianapolis;

Whereas, Dr. Burdette was appointed to the board of directors of the Walther Cancer Institute in 1990. As a member of the board, Dr. Burdette established the Burdette-Kunkel endowment in 1993. The fund provides direct support for research contributing to a greater understanding of how patients and their families respond to the physical and emotional effects of cancer and its treatment;

Whereas, Dr. Burdette's practice of medicine and support of behavioral research is a direct result of his core belief that a patient's environment, behaviors, and family play an essential role in health outcomes. Dr. Burdette's behavioral techniques, combined with prevention and early detection, have resulted in a solid foundation for success in the fight



against cancer;

Whereas, Dr. Burdette has devoted his life to the practice of medicine with a special focus on cancer. Honoring Dr. Burdette's invaluable role in the fight against cancer, a new section of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center's website was dedicated to Dr. Burdette's practice of behavioral oncology. The website is an outlet where anyone can find information and become educated on treatments designed to incorporate friends and family in patient recovery; and

Whereas, Dr. Burdette was the major leader and board supporter responsible for developing and sustaining an endowment fund with the Mary Margaret Walther research program. The capital raised by Dr. Burdette's fund finances the majority of research now taking place in the Cancer Control Program of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Dr. Harold Burdette
- 2 for his lifelong commitment to cancer research and treatment.
- 3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Dr. Harold Burdette.

